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 LR 196

Dierks, this afternoon we are going to pass over LB 384 and we've already dealt with LB 1172, so we will start this afternoon with LB 1089. Everyone is present, the question before the body is the reconsideration of the failed Chambers amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those oppose vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The motion to reconsider is not successful. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next item?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, AM3022. (Legislative Journal page 853.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. This amendment, it adds the provisions of LB 919 which was heard before the Ag Committee on January 29, and advanced to General File with no dissenting votes. This amendment would enact the recommendation of the task force I put together in connection with LR 196. It's a study of the issue of chronic wasting disease, otherwise known as CWD. One of the task force recommendations essentially endorses and encourages the Game and Parks Commission, their use of selective management in thinning and culling of wild deer and elk when it is prudent to manage chronic wasting disease among free-ranging deer and elk, which is reflected in LB 1003 as introduced. Another recommendation was to clarify the intent of 54-2305 regarding exemption of certain facilities housing cervine animals, from this act. This section currently exempts municipal, state and federal zoos, parks or refuges or wildlife areas and circuses or animal exhibits, or any private nonprofit zoological society from the requirement to obtain a permit to possess domesticated cervidae. The amendment implements the task force recommendation that such facilities should be governed by those provisions of the Domesticated Cervine Animal Act pertaining to control and eradication of cervidae diseases. These include